

Senate Resolution 456

By: Senator Williams of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Savannah College of Art and Design; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Savannah College of Art and Design, a private, nonprofit, accredited
4 university was founded in Georgia by Paula Wallace in 1978 with 71 students, 11 faculty and
5 staff, and a focused mission to prepare talented students for creative careers; and

6 WHEREAS, the Savannah College of Art and Design celebrates 40 creative years offering
7 more than 100 preeminent graduate and undergraduate degree programs in disciplines
8 including animation, architecture, fashion, user experience design, writing, and more; and

9 WHEREAS, the Savannah College of Art and Design has prepared more than 55,000
10 students and alumni to pursue their creative professions online and at four campuses on the
11 continents of North America, Europe, and Asia; and

12 WHEREAS, the Savannah College of Art and Design is recognized as a leader in the
13 discipline of historic preservation and adaptive reuse with more than 100 historic buildings
14 rehabilitated in the United States, France, and Hong Kong and has received awards from the
15 Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the
16 American Institute of Architects; and

17 WHEREAS, the Savannah College of Art and Design has created SCADpro, the university's
18 powerhouse innovation center, connecting students and professors with prominent Georgia
19 based companies, including Chick-fil-A, Delta, and Home Depot, as well as attracting the
20 world's best companies to Georgia, such as Disney, BMW, Uber, and Google, to design and
21 invent real products and services; and

22 WHEREAS, the Savannah College of Art and Design leads workforce development in the
23 flourishing film and TV industry of Georgia, featuring the world's preeminent entertainment

24 arts and digital media degree programs, including majors such as dramatic writing, film and
25 TV, performing arts, television producing, visual effects, and more, with graduates who have
26 gone on to win Oscars, Emmys, and international acclaim; and

27 WHEREAS, the Savannah College of Art and Design curated, commissioned, and installed
28 the Mercedes-Benz Stadium Art Collection, featuring works by many artists from Georgia,
29 and launched SCAD Art Sales, a full-service arts consultancy serving businesses and
30 individuals in Georgia and across the world; and

31 WHEREAS, the Savannah College of Art and Design, in a 2017 community impact study
32 conducted by Tripp Umbach, generates more than \$603 million in annual economic impact
33 for the State of Georgia, and supports more than 6,500 jobs throughout the state, and its
34 graduates have a 99 percent employment rate, many of whom remain in Georgia and
35 contribute to the state's growth.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 recognize and commend the Savannah College of Art and Design for the fundamental role
38 this institution plays in higher education in the State of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Savannah
41 College of Art and Design.